THE

French Prophet:

BEING

The Famous Predictions

Foretelling the

State of France,

With the Ruin and Downfall

OF THE

Present FRENCH KING;

This Calling Summer, 1692.

By the Victorious Arms of our Gracious Sovereign

King William the III.

With the Great Confusion and Distress of several Cities and Sea-Ports of *France*. The Insurrections of the People in several Parts thereof; thereby facilitating a *Descent upon* FRANCE

Being a Prophecy of a Great and Learned Man in France, *which was found in* St. Allyre *in* Provence, *and happily brought to Light by the Care of several* French *Protestants, who escaped the* French *Kings Tyranny, and safely arrived in* England.

Printed both in *English* and *French*.

Together with several other notable late Predictions of that Reverend and Learned Divine, D. *L——y*, wherein is briefly hinted the speedy subversion of the *French* Monarchy, by the Confederate Armies under His present Majesty.

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The French Prophet: *Or, The Sad Fate of* France *Predicted.*

THE present Tryal of Skill between the boundless Ambition of *France* and the ungoing Confederacy engag'd against him, affords Mankind no mean Hopes and Fears; and no small Expectation of the Event: And if *Portents* and *Prodigious*, were ever the Prodroma's of extraordinary Accidents and Revolutions, we have great Reason to believe, that since the present Ferment of Christendom is too violent to hold at a Stay, and some great Change must certainly very shortly enſue, we might reasonably expect some *Prophecies* pointing to this present Summer, 1692. Though *Prophecies* 'tis true, generally meet the same Treatment from the present Age, which the Patriarch, *Noah*'s Prophetick Sermon of Forty Years (whilst he was Building the Ark) receiv'd from the Brutish Race of Mankind, before the general Deluge.

Now the generality of *Prophecies* are commonly couch'd in such Obscurity, that it is very difficult to explain them, yet, without Vanity, I think I may assert these to be as free from that dark Obscurity as any that has come to light, and perhaps, those that speak as plainly to this Fourth Year of our present Gracious Sovereign K. *William*, as can rationally be expected. You have them in *French* (the very Language they were writ in) as well as *English*, they were found, with divers others in the Ruin of an old Monastry near the Place of the Authors Nativity, the manner and way of writing them, gives sufficient Assurance of their Antiquity, and consequently, can be no Sham or Invention.

To strengthen these, I shall here insert some of the many late *Prophetick sayings* of a great Man of our Nation, the Learned Dr. *B——ly*, who writing on the Fate of the present Times, delivers himself to this Effect:

1. 'The *French Protestant* Churches cannot be long without

'our future Redress, because the Time of the Anti-Christian 'Apostasie is now so near its end. I look upon the Churches 'of *Tyguries*, as the Emblem of those Churches of the Profession, that lye in the Bowels of Princes, who yet owne Anti-'christian *Rome*; of which there is none so eminent and conspicuous as the *French Protestant* Churches, with whom also the *Vaudois* are Allyed.

2. 'Seeing that there is an extraordinary Concurrance of 'gracious Signatures of God upon our present Soveraign, there 'is great hope *God* will fit him up to appear at this Time in 'so Honourable a Service, as Scripture stiles it, as of helping 'the Lord against those Mighties: And if *God* be pleased to 'fit him up, he will undoubtedly appear with him; for I 'am bold, in our *God*, so say, I shall not be mistaken in our 'King, as to some extraordinary Service *God* hath to do by 'him, the time being so neer, and that on these great Reasons.

1. 'That he is the Third Defendant of the Great *Prince* 'of Orange, by whom *God* was pleased, in the United Pro-'vinces to propagate the Protestancy, and to give that curb 'to the growth of that Title, after the *Universal Monarchy*: 'And because he fell a Martyr in it, and receiv'd no Recom-'pence from the Bounty of *God*, equal, after the general 'estimate of Providence, I doubt not *God* hath reserved it 'for his Posterity, and for the Prince that he hath raised at 'this Time to be so Serviceable to the *Protestant Religion*, and 'inspired with so much Zeal and Courage for it.

2. 'Our King, as Prince of *Orange*, but now under greater Stiles, is One of the Princes and Nobles of *France*; That 'as the first Works of those Churches were principally by 'Princes and Nobles, proceeding of themselves: In the 'same manner shall their *Last greater Works be done*: In which 'regard, our King appears an Instrument fitted by *God*, as 'a Prince and Noble proceeding from themselves.

3. 'Above all, I persevere, that within the Six next Sum-'mers, *viz.* in 97. *Anti-Christian* and *Turkish Tyranny* shall 'Fall, and a great Re-Reformation ensue. And now, if these 'things shall seem of value to so Sovereign an Authority, let

'it please them to take care, that Consideration may be had 'whether upon just Grounds, what is, or hath been offered, 'can be refus'd, *viz.* on due Debates, according to the Re-'cords of *Scripture*, *Chronology*, *History*, *Reason*, and *Experi-'ence*, without any other Reflections than what enter into the 'Merits of the Cause.

Advice 1. 'That the Arms of the *Protestants* Refugees of 'France, of the *Vaudois* of *Protestant* Princes in general, be highly valued.

Adv. 2. 'I would most humbly advise, That there might 'be, under so great an Authority and Influence, an Assembly 'of Men Learned, and loving the Kingdom of our *Lord Je-'sus Christ*, who might discover so admirable a part (hither-'to it may be called a *Terra Incognita*) of Scripture, even tho 'stupendious Prophesies of it.

'I am bold to say, if I had, as now *God* hath vouchsafed me, 'understood Prophesie in the Years 48 and 50, and so on-'ward, in the very Top of those Powers over the Nation, 'and kept close and steady to the Guidance of it, I should 'certainly have foreseen the Re-enstating the Church of 'England, that lay then in the Dust, and so of the Royal Fa-'mily that should do it.

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Here begins

The French Propheſie.

French.

Roy contre Prince, & le Duc contre Roy,
Haine entre iceux Diſſension horrible,
Rage & Fureur ſera toute Province,
France *grand Guerre, & Changemens terrible.*

Engliſh.

King againſt Prince, and Duke againſt King,
Hatred between them, horrid Diſſention,
Rage and Fury ſhall be in every Province,
Great Wars in *France*, and horrid Changes.

Annotations.

This is a true Picture of the impending Miſeries of *France*.

French.

Par Conflict Roy Reyne abandonera,
Le plus grand Chef faillira au beſoigne,
Morts proſtiger peu en rechapera,
Tous deſtrencher un en ſera Teſtmoin.

Engliſh.

By a Battle the *French* King ſhall forſake his Kingdom,
The greateſt Commander ſhall fail in time of need,
They ſhall be Killed and Routed, few ſhall eſcape,
They ſhall be cut off, one only ſhall be left for a Witneſs.

French.

La Ligue nevus d' Anſone *ſera Guerre,*
Que contre eux ils ſe viendront bander.

Engliſh.

The new League of *Anſone* ſhall make Wars,
So that they ſhall ſtand againſt them.

Annotations.

This ſpeaks of a League and Inſurrection that ſhall be at *Bordeaux*

Burdeaux, which is here called *Aufone*, from a Famous Latin Poet, named *Auſonius*, who was Born in that City.

French.

Le Mal (le Planctus le Cite) aura paſſage,
Par Clercs Aſtres, & par Eſtoiles fixes,
Que de Son Change ſubit lapreuche ſera,
Ne pour Son bien, ne pour ſes maux faict.

English.

The Heavens foretelleth concerning the City *Planctus*,
By famous Clerks and fixed Stars,
That the time of her ſuddain Change is near at hand,
Neither becauſe of her Goodneſs nor Wickedneſs.

Annotations.

The City of *Planctus* is *Lyons*, becauſe he was Founder of it, (it's a Famous City in *France*): That City is threatned here of a ſudden Change, cauſed neither by her Goodneſs or Wickedneſs, but by a certain Poſition and Aſpect of the fixed Stars, which makes it fatal.

French.

En la Cité ou le Loup entrera,
Bien près de là les Ennemis ſeront,
Copie Eſtrange grand pais Gaſtera,
Aux Monts des Alpes les amis paſſeront.

English.

In the City wherein the Wooll ſhall go,
Near that place the Enemy ſhall be,
An Army of Straingers ſhall ſpoil a great Country,
The Friends ſhall go over the Mountains of the *Alpes*.

French.

Des Deux Anglez Pun percera le ſiel,
Hoy de Icy ayme de ſa Mere.

English.

An *Engliſh* Prince *Mars* hath his Heart from Heaven,
Will follow his proſperous Fortune.

Annotations.

By this Stanza is promiſed to *England* a Martial Prince, who

who hath his Heart from Heaven, and with all endeavours follows his prosperous Fortune.

French.

Celuy qui le Principauté, Tiendra par grande cruauté,
Ala fin, verra grand Pitiance. Par loup de feu tres dangereux,
Par accord pourvoi fair mieux. Autrement boira sus d'Orenge.

English.

He who shall the Principality hold with great Cruelty, in the Conclusion shall see a great Army ruin'd by a most dangerous Fire-blow, he might do better to make an Accord, otherways he shall drink the Juice of *Orange*.

Annotations.

In the first Place, here is an exact Discription of the *French* Power and Dominion, which has been carry'd on by the greatest Cruelty and Oppression where ever they have been Conquerors; so great have been the Desolations in the Empire, and part of *Italy*, especially in *Savoy*; and the Palatinate especially the latter, that there is not a Village left for many Miles together. (*And he shall see his Army ruin'd by the most dangerous Blow of Fire.*) By this Fire is plainly meant the force of Powder, the now common and terrible Composition of the horrid Engines of War. (*He might do better to make an Accord.*) It is certainly the true Interest of *France* to lay hold on this wholesome Counsel, if the Pride and Ambition of the great Tyrant would refund the Acquisitions and ill gotten Victories to purchase that Peace, which, at present, indeed is not agreeing with his Kidney. (*Otherways he shall drink the Juice of an Orange.*) Most certainly, by this Juice of *Orange* must be meant, The Arms of his present Majesty our most illustrious Monarch, for want of which Accord, not made, nor now like to be, perhaps before *July* next, the Great *Lewis* will find the Force and Power of this Mighty Prince in the Bowels of *France*.

French.

Le grand D' Hungrie ira dans la Nacelle,
Le Noveau ne fera Guerre Nouvelle,
A Son voisin qu'il tiendra Assiege,

Et

Ex Ile Nube Ac ovec Sea Aleph,
Ne fuffrira que par trop on le frappe
Dans ce Tems ici fa Gran Majeste Rouge.

English.

The Great One of *Hungary* shall go to the Seat,
The New One shall not make a New War (fide)
Against his Neighbour, whom he shall Besiege on every
And the Black one with his Highness (fide)
Shall not suffer him to be over-pressed,
During these years he shall keep his People in order.

I shall here take notice only of the latter part, which relates more immediately to *England*. (And the Black one with his Highness shall not suffer him to be over-pressed, that is, the *Spaniard*, with his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, shall keep the Emperors part, and make some Check to the Progress of *France*: *For the Black one*, must mean *Spain*, the Epethite of *Black* being the vulgar Characteristick of the *Spaniard*, and His *Highness* must mean his present Majesty, more properly called His *Highness* in the *Prophesie*, as the young *Hannibal* against *Rome*, being an early Sworn Foe to *France*: and though not so Potent a one, yet no less Zealous a Champion of the Confederacy, when only Prince of *Orange*. (*During these Years he shall keep his People in Order*.) Here the *English* and *French* Prophet jump, for here we come to the Old Prediction of this approaching 96. the Famous Fourth Year of His Majesties Reign before mentioned. During these Years of our *Sovereigns* Reign, *France* shall hold up his Head against his Enemies, and make hard shift to keep Peace at home. But this great *Years Year*, for him look for Domestick Insurrections and Rebellions from a People over-laden with intollerable Burthen of so long a War; and feel the weight of the impending Bolts that hang over him, whose Execution perhaps the Justice of Providence has thus long retarded, to fall at last more home and more heavy. When dash the *Eagle* and the *Son of Man*, shall be Evelved, and the *Lily* meet the Fate it hath deserved.

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